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PSU CS 510/610  
Bioinformatics and  
Computational  
Biology I: Algorithms  

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Course Syllabus

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TIME AND LOCATION:
Monday and Wednesday, 12-1:30, BICC 124

TEXTBOOKS:

Required  
Note: We will augment this text with papers from primary literature for topics not covered in the text.

Additional Reading (Not required)  
Di Pierro, Massimo. Annotated Algorithms in Python: with Applications in Physics, Biology, and Finance 2013

For non-biologists: Brown, TA. Genomes 2nd Edition (available online)  

For non-computer scientists: Jones NC and P Pevzner. An Introduction to Bioinformatics Algorithms (Computational Molecular Biology) 2004
PREREQUISITES: Initial coursework in algorithms or consent of instructors.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The course will be a problem-driven examination of the algorithmic and quantitative issues in computational biology. The course assumes basic background in algorithms. The emphasis is on algorithm development and application to biological problems, particularly those from multi-omics studies. This will enable the student to evaluate algorithms, as well as assess computational considerations for development and implementation. Topics include: global and local alignment, Scoring functions, suffix trees, Next Generation Sequencing Algorithms, Genome Alignment, Database search, Phylogeny, Multiple sequence alignment, motif finding, and genome rearrangements.

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated on in-class preparation/participation (10%), homework assignments (35%), a mid-term exam (25%) and a final programming project (30%). Late assignments will not be accepted.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: The students will be responsible for following the OHSU guidelines for academic integrity. You may discuss the general concepts and principles behind an assignment with other students. In fact, you are encouraged to do this whenever possible, because it is often a valuable way to reinforce ideas, and to learn new perspectives. However, in doing assignments, each student is expected to develop, write up, and hand in an individual solution and, in doing so, develop a sufficient understanding of the problem and solution so as to be able to explain it adequately to the instructor. Under no circumstances should a student copy or consult the solution of another student, or copy a solution from any other source, including the Internet.

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2) If the grade is still overdue by the end of next week, the Department¹ /Program Coordinator² will email the Department Chair directly, with a copy to the Instructor and Program Director requesting resolution of the missing grade.
3) If, after an additional week the grade is still outstanding, the student or Department¹ /Program Coordinator² may petition the Office of Graduate students for final resolution.

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² For the conjoined courses (course number is preceded by CON_ that are run by Graduate Studies.

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